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Police were investigating the death of a young child at this apartment building in west Edmonton Wednesday night. Police did not confirm the child's age, but neighbours said the child was a newborn. RYAN TUMILTY/METRO

Police probe the death of young child

Autopsy today.

Few details emerge; homicide detectives saying little about case



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Neighbours say a young child, whose death is being investigated as suspicious, was a newborn.

Homicide investigators arrived at the scene of a west Edmonton apartment complex Wednesday afternoon to investigate the child's death. An autopsy is expected Thursday.

In the early stages of the investigation, police were saying little about what might have happened.

"There is a suspicious death

Quoted

"This is a safe place.... She is not a bad person, it's just the people that she opened the doors to."

Resident Larry Meechance referring to the woman in his apartment building believed to be the mother of the deceased child.

that happened to a child," said acting Staff Sgt. Andrew Hoglund. "They will know more tomorrow after the autopsy."

Police would not confirm the child's age or gender, but neighbours believe the child was a newborn baby.

Standing outside the three-storey apartment complex on 156 Street near 103 Avenue, the building's manager, Shannon Beaverbones, said she didn't know the woman who

lived in the suite.

"She was always very quiet and she kept to herself," she said.

Beaverbones said the O'Chiese First Nation, near Rocky Mountain House, owns the complex and rents out suites to students from the band who are studying in Edmonton. She said the woman who rented the suite had guests Wednesday and she believes it was their child who died.

Another resident of the building, Larry Meechance, said there are few issues of concern at the building, and the young woman who lived in the apartment was never a problem.

"This is a safe place and we are culturally-oriented people," he said. "She is not a bad person, it's just the people that she opened the doors to."



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Council. Mayor looks to address suicides from High Level Bridge

Mayor Stephen Mandel is hoping the city can do something to help the dozens of people a year who attempt to take their lives from the High Level Bridge.

Mandel asked for a report on what the city could do around the bridge during Wednesday's council meeting.

"There is some real tragedy that comes out of the High Level, the actions people take, and we need to find a way to secure the High Level Bridge," he said following the meeting.

Edmonton police don't keep exact statistics on the issue, but estimate they respond to a suicide or attempt on the bridge once per week.

Const. Mike Walkom said suicides on the bridge are not uncommon, but are just one way people call out.

He said the police try to make sure they follow up after attempts to make people get help.

Jodie Mandick, who supervises the Support Network's distress line, said whether a barrier would help is an open question. "There is no doubt that erecting a bridge barrier would reduce suicide attempts and completion in that specific site; the question is whether or not that would reduce total overall numbers of suicide," she said. **RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**

Hotline

The Support Network's 24-hour hotline is 780-482-HELP (4357).

Victim in his 20s. Police probe mall shooting death

Autopsy results are expected Thursday, following a shooting Tuesday night in the parking lot of a mall on the city's north side.

The homicide unit of the Edmonton Police Service is investigating the shooting, which police said killed a man in his mid-20s.

In a release issued early Wednesday morning, police said patrol members responded to a call of shots fired at Londonderry Mall around 9:15 p.m., in the upper parking lot on the south side of the shop-

ping centre.

Upon arrival, police said they found witnesses providing CPR to a male victim in his mid-20s, who was then rushed to hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

Witnesses said the shooting occurred outside Entrance 6, where multiple people were leaving the mall as it closed. Between six and eight shots rang out, according to witnesses.

"Witness accounts suggest there were multiple shots fired, and with many people leaving the shopping mall at that time,



Cleanup was underway in the parking lot of Londonderry Mall Wednesday morning. **HEATHER MCINTYRE/METRO**

in a press release.

The homicide section continues to investigate, and are looking for two suspects who fled the scene, EPS spokesperson Scott Pattison said Wednesday morning.

At the scene later on Wednesday morning, things appeared to be back to normal, though cleanup was underway, as glass was scattered over the pavement due to parked cars being hit by bullets.

The death marks the sixth homicide of 2013 in Edmonton. **METRO**

we're very fortunate there weren't more casualties." EPS Duty Officer Erik Johnson said

Pedestrian struck and killed by recycling truck

Sherwood Park. Police do not believe speed or alcohol were factors



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A 46-year-old woman was struck and killed by a recycling truck while crossing the street in a quiet neighbourhood in Sherwood Park on Wednesday morning.

The intersection between Moreland Road and Moreland Crescent, where the collision occurred, was blocked off for most of the morning as RCMP investigated.

Lisa Mitchell and her stepdaughter, who live across from where the incident happened, rushed to look out their window after hearing a scream outside before 10 a.m. on Wednesday morning.

Another neighbour looked out his window to see emer-

Fatal collision

- The 46-year-old victim is from Sherwood Park and her name has not been released.
- Anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to call RCMP at 780-467-7741.

gency vehicles and a lone running-shoe lying on the road.

Strathcona County RCMP and Strathcona County Emergency Services responded to the collision at 9:56 a.m., according to RCMP.

The woman who was struck is from Sherwood Park and was walking northbound on Moreland Crescent.

She was in the intersection with Moreland Road when she was struck by the recycling truck, which was turning west off Moreland Crescent, said RCMP.



A woman died after being struck by a recycling truck while walking in this intersection in Sherwood Park on Wednesday. **ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO**

The 28-year-old driver of the recycling truck was not injured.

Mitchell said Wednesday is recycling day in the quiet neighbourhood and both she and her stepdaughter said recycling trucks tend to drive fast in the area.

"I think they need to slow

down a bit," Mitchell said.

By afternoon, all that remained at the scene of the collision were orange spray-paint markings on the road.

An RCMP collision analyst and the Strathcona County municipal traffic unit investigated the crash. They do not believe speed or alcohol were factors.

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Too big? Churchill Square plan put on back burner

City councillors sent a proposed facelift of Churchill Square and the civic precinct back to the drawing board Wednesday, worried it's more than they asked for.

Councillors voted for advancements to address concerns raised by festivals and also asked city administration to see what else could be done to make the existing square more engaging.

Mayor Stephen Mandel said administration came back with a much larger plan than council envisioned.

"We had just wanted to find ways to animate, and then all of a sudden comes this giant plan none of us has expected," he said.

The plan for the square was



A concept image of the proposed Churchill Square redevelopment.

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part of a larger \$50-million plan to invigorate the surrounding area, funded by the community revitalization levy.

That levy will come back to council for further review next month. **RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**

A promise kept. Redford shows off new law helping first responders with PTSD

Premier Alison Redford touted a new law that will make it easier for emergency first responders to claim worker's compensation for post-traumatic stress disorder.

Redford presented a signed copy of the bill to Edmonton firefighters at the city's main hall Thursday morning. She said the event was intended to show the government following through on promises.

Edmonton Fire Captain Bud McCarthy said PTSD is something the fire service is learning to deal with.

Stressed enough

"They are on the scene, they are experiencing the trauma, so don't put them through the process of proving it."

Human Services Minister Dave Hancock

"There can be an acute situation that triggers it or it could be long-term, so we are closely monitoring it," said McCarthy. **RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**

Teacher contract may need 'Plan B'

Needs unanimous support. Educators in St. Albert are first to reject tentative deal



JEREMY NOLAS
Metro in Calgary

Teachers in one Alberta city "didn't see anything that would benefit them" in a tentative contract offering they voted down Tuesday, according to the province's top instructor representative.

Alberta Teachers' Association President Carol Henderson now says a "Plan B" may be needed after St. Albert rejected the deal. She plans to raise the matter with Education Minister Jeff Johnson during a meeting Thursday.

"We knew this could happen," Henderson said Wednesday. "We also knew that we wanted to give all teachers a chance to be heard."

The contract being weighed by both instructors and school boards specifies it must receive unanimous support ahead of a May 13 deadline. Twenty-five teaching groups have approved it; St. Albert is the first to oppose.

The contract comes with what the province claims is a three-year salary freeze —



Premier Alison Redford says she is seeing "good progress" with getting a contract affirmed for Alberta teachers. **METRO FILE**

Won't someone think of the children?

"There is no doubt that this deal is tremendously important for teachers, but also tremendously important for students."

Premier Alison Redford

something countered by the Calgary Board of Education because teachers with 29 of the 62 boards will receive increased compensation

through a wage-equalization process. There are also contentious provisions around capping instructional hours and a third-party executive

committee to field teacher concerns.

CBE trustees have voted against the contract, and a statement Wednesday confirmed their position hasn't changed. But Alberta Education spokesperson Kim Capstick was quick to point out 45 other boards favour the deal, adding the ministry will wait for input from everyone before determining next steps. **WITH FILES FROM RYAN TUMILTY**

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Beacon Heights. Home blast deemed suspicious

An explosion at a home in Beacon Heights on Wednesday morning is suspicious, according to fire officials.

No one was in the home at 120th Avenue and 43rd Street at the time of the blast.

A neighbour called 911 around 8 a.m. after the windows of the home blew out. The neighbour reported that she could see flames inside the building.

Michael Tucker, spokesperson for Edmonton Fire Rescue, said crews had the fire under control within the hour.

"When our crews arrived, they had little trouble with getting it under control."



An explosion occurred at this home in Beacon Heights on Wednesday morning. No one was injured.

ANNALISE KLINGBEIL/METRO

About 24 firefighters and six fire trucks were on scene.

Fire officials are working with the Edmonton Police Service to investigate the explosion. **METRO**

Downtown. Mayor calls out province on arena

Mayor Stephen Mandel once again called on the province to step up and fund the downtown arena Wednesday as council reviewed the other area initiatives the project would help support.

The arena is the catalyst for a community revitalization levy that would fund \$300 million in other projects downtown, including upgrades to Jasper Avenue and a park.

Mandel said the provincial and federal governments would benefit immensely and should be prepared to help.

"The clear benefit of all these things to the federal and provincial government almost upsets me."

He said the province's decision is about politics, but it should respect what the city is trying to do downtown.

"The time has come for the provincial government to respect the decisions the city council has made," he said. "We have the bloody right to make those decisions."

The levy and the arena will both come back to council May 8. **RYAN TUMILTY/METRO**



This dog is recovering after allegedly being dragged behind a vehicle and suffering severe injuries to the pads of her feet. CONTRIBUTED

Pit bull allegedly dragged behind truck

On the case. Police are interviewing owner of reported vehicle



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Police are investigating after

a dog was allegedly dragged by a rope or leash attached to the rear bumper of a pickup truck on Tuesday around 12:30 p.m.

Witnesses told police the incident happened in the area of 92 Street and 114 Avenue, but when officers arrived they were unable to locate the dog or the vehicle.

The officers found a dog that had injuries consistent with road rash at a nearby emergency vet clinic.

The female pit bull, who was dropped off by two men, is being treated for severe injuries to the pads of her feet and expected to survive.

The owner of the reported vehicle has contacted

police and is being interviewed.

"If in fact this is something that is intentional, that is absolutely something that would be shocking to hear," said Shawna Randolph, spokesperson for the Edmonton Humane Society. "Animals deserve dignity and respect."

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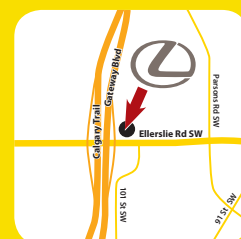
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The Associated Press war photographer **Emilio Morenatti** lost his leg during an attack while on assignment in Afghanistan. He tells his story to encourage survivors who lost a limb or more in the Boston Marathon bombings

MESSAGE OF HOPE FOR BOSTON SURVIVORS

In the first horrific moments after the Boston bombings, with smoke still billowing around the wounded, I know what is going through the minds of the maimed victims.

They are at once conscious and unconscious. They want to scream, but they cannot scream. They want to wake up from a nightmare, but they are awake.

Overcome with a sense of déjà vu, I feel my past converge with the future of those wounded spectators.

I lost my leg in a bomb blast. I know the violent shock of a day that begins well and ends with an amputation, the fog of drugs and surgery, the months of painful rehabilitation.

I know the suffering that lies ahead for these people in Boston. And I know the possibilities, too.

For those who lost a limb or more in the Boston Marathon, Monday, April 15, 2013, was the day their world changed forever.

Mine changed on Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2009. I had been embedded with the U.S. military

for two weeks in southern Afghanistan as a photographer when our eight-wheel armoured Stryker vehicle hit a roadside bomb.

When I came to, my left foot was hanging by a few tendons.

They loaded me onto a helicopter next to a soldier who had lost both of his legs and we locked hands as the chopper took off. The solidarity in that moment is the last thing I remember before waking up in a hospital tent to find my left leg had been amputated below the knee. But fortunately my knee was intact, and that would make a substantial difference in

my future mobility, the doctors told me.

The difference between those who lost limbs in Boston and me is that I knew I was taking a risk in a war zone, while they had merely gone out to cheer friends and relatives at a family sporting event. They weren't supposed to be in danger.

For months after the explosion I was tortured by so many "what ifs." I imagine those in Boston whose bodies were torn up by nails or the blasts have similar thoughts: Why didn't I stand at mile 25, go for water, leave earlier, stay home? I would like to tell them that these ques-

tions fade as one begins to accept the reality of losing a limb.

I was 40 years old, agile and in good shape. So just a month after the explosion, I put on my first prosthesis and took my first steps. I was determined.

And I was completely unprepared for the difficulty.

It took tremendous strength to learn to walk again. I needed practice, but practice rubbed my wounds raw. Exercise was essential and exercise produced blisters where the prosthesis was joined to my leg — more like hot pain.

Like the amputees in Boston today, 3 1/2 years ago I joined a community to which no one wishes to belong. I have changed over the years, as they will. I am more vulnerable now.

If I were to offer advice, it would be that it's possible to accept help without feeling dependent. And I would tell them the greatest truth I have learned is that I am a man who had a leg amputated, not an amputee.

I am still a whole person.

Prosthetics

New amputees in Boston will discover that there is a whole world of prosthetics to choose from, says Emilio Morenatti. There are feet made for running, walking, climbing, cycling, even for swimming and golfing. But there's no all-terrain prosthesis, so in the end, he accumulated several.

- Morenatti normally wears a versatile, durable foot, but also carries a spare foot and a special one for running in a backpack. He even has one for roller skating, which, after multiple clashes with trees, parked cars and the pavement, is now one of his favourite sports.



The Associated Press photographer Emilio Morenatti is seen running in a Mexico City public park, one year after he lost his leg in a bomb attack while on assignment in Afghanistan. RAMON ESPINOSA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Woman must remove niqab, judge says

Sexual assault trial. Ontario judge concerned woman's covered face would hinder her credibility

An Ontario judge has ruled that a woman must remove her face-covering veil to

testify against the men she is accusing of sexual assault.

The judge says the woman's niqab "masks her demeanour and blocks both effective cross-examination by counsel for the accused and assessment of her credibility by the trier of fact."

The 37-year-old woman, known only as N.S., alleges two men sexually assaulted

her over five years, starting when she was six years old.

The question of whether she should be allowed to testify while wearing her niqab went to the Supreme Court, which issued a split decision but set out a test for judges to decide in individual cases.

The case is now back in provincial court, and Judge Norris Weisman ruled the

woman must remove her veil to testify.

Weisman noted that he had to balance her religious freedom with the accused men's right to a fair trial, but in the end he was concerned that her face covering would hinder assessment of her credibility, possibly resulting in wrongful convictions.

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An Ontario judge says a woman's niqab "masks her demeanour and blocks both effective cross-examination by counsel for the accused and assessment of her credibility by the trier of fact." GETTY IMAGES FILE



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'House of horrors'

Despite reprieve, death penalty may still loom for abortion doctor

An abortion provider charged with killing babies after they were born alive won a reprieve when a judge threw out three murder counts, but the death penalty still looms if he is convicted in four other newborn deaths.

Dr. Kermit Gosnell has been in prison since a 2011 grand jury report that described his outdated West Philadelphia clinic as "a house of horrors."



Dr. Kermit Gosnell
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Judge Jeffrey Minehart had ruled Tuesday that prosecutors over the past month failed to make a case on three of the seven first-degree murder counts.

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Rehtaeh Parsons. PM, justice minister pushing tough cyberbullying laws

A crime is a crime, regardless of whether it happens on the Internet, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Wednesday as his government promised to expedite efforts to create a new law against cyberbullying.

Harper's comments followed his meeting Tuesday with the parents of Rehtaeh Parsons, the Nova Scotia teenager who took her own life earlier this month. Parsons' parents want federal laws beefed up so more can be done to combat cybercrime.

Justice Minister Rob Nicholson, meanwhile, pushed his provincial and territorial counterparts Wednesday to speed up efforts to create a law that would curb cyberbullying. Those ministers gave him the go-ahead, Nicholson said.

"Today, when I met with my counterparts, I recommended that we expedite the review of our laws by June and I was pleased to receive unanimous support," Nicholson said in an emailed statement.

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Minister of Justice Rob Nicholson speaks to reporters in Ottawa on Tuesday as he is joined by Leah Parsons, mother of Rehtaeh Parsons, second from right, and her partner, Jason Barnes, as well as Rehtaeh's father Glen Canning, second from left, and his wife, Krista. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Afghanistan. Flooding, earthquake leave at least 25 people dead

Floods in northern Afghanistan killed at least 14 people, and an earthquake that struck the northeast and neighbouring Pakistan on Wednesday left 11 people dead and scores injured, officials said.

The flooding deaths occurred in Balkh province, where heavy rains on Tuesday sent deluges down hillsides of villages in the remote districts of Kishindih, Sholgara and Nahri Sha. Five people were missing,

and 1,795 families were displaced from their homes, said local officials.

The quake caused casualties in two provinces of Afghanistan that border Pakistan.

In Nangarhar province, at least 10 people were killed, 110 were injured, and about 100 houses destroyed or damaged, said the provincial governor's spokesman, Ahmad Zia Abdulzai.

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Zimbabwe

Grain reserves dangerously low

Zimbabwe's grain reserves are running dangerously low ahead of new but poor harvests caused by erratic rain, an independent development bank said Wednesday.

The African Develop-

ment Bank said the strategic reserves have become so depleted that commercial millers have been stopped from buying supplies from the state.

The shortage of corn has also raised prices of the staple food as 1.6 million Zimbabweans already depend on food aid, it said.

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Building collapse kills scores, many trapped

Bangladesh. Canadian retailer Joe Fresh among brands made in one of the garment factories in complex

Rescuers tried to free dozens believed trapped in the concrete rubble after an eight-storey building that housed garment factories collapsed, killing at least 149.

Searchers cut holes in the jumbled mess of concrete with drills or their bare hands, passing water and flashlights to those pinned inside the building near the capital, Dhaka.

"I gave them whistles, water, torchlights. I heard them cry. We can't leave them behind this way," said fire official Abul Khayer. Rescue operations continued through the night.

The disaster came less than



Rescuers look for survivors in the debris of a building that collapsed in Savar, Bangladesh, Wednesday. At least 149 people were killed. A.M. AHAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

five months after a factory fire killed 112 people and underscored the unsafe conditions in Bangladesh's massive garment industry.

The complex that collapsed included a bank and shopping

mall as well as factories that produced a "small number" of items for Canadian retailer Loblaws' Joe Fresh clothing line, among other customers.

"We are extremely saddened to learn of the collapse

of a building complex in Bangladesh and our condolences go out to those affected by this tragedy," Loblaws spokeswoman Julija Hunter said in an email.

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Chiheb Esseghaier, one of two men accused of plotting a terror attack on a VIA Rail target, is led off a plane at Toronto's Buttonville Airport. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

VIA Rail accused met with al-Qaida rep, sources say

Court outburst.

Criminal Code 'is not a holy book,' says the man arrested in alleged plot to attack a passenger train

The Montreal suspect accused of plotting a terror attack on a passenger train allegedly met with an al-Qaida operative before coming to Canada in the summer of 2008, sources say.

This put him on the radar of security officials in Canada, say the sources, who have knowledge of the investigation into the alleged VIA Rail plot.

Tunisian-born Chiheb Esseghaier has been under surveillance for a year, and

police became increasingly concerned after what was seen as erratic conduct aboard an airliner en route to Mexico last spring.

However, it was a recent change in behaviour that triggered police to arrest him at a McDonald's in Montreal's Central Station — not political expediency or the Boston bombing, sources said.

His co-accused, Raed Jaser, was arrested at his North York workplace on Monday.

In a Toronto court Wednesday, Esseghaier asked to speak, saying, "We know that this Criminal Code is not a holy book."

"It's just written by a set of creations, and the creations, they're not perfect because only the creator is perfect," he added.

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New powers

Vote stirs fears over liberties

MPs have voted to give Canadian officials "exceptional" powers to probe potential terrorist acts — powers that critics say trample on civil liberties.

Legislation passed Wednesday will enable preventive arrests — holding people three days without charge.

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Pimping trial. Why did police take three weeks to make an arrest?



GRAHAM LANKTREE
Metro in Ottawa

A disturbing fact has emerged in the Ottawa trial of three accused teen pimps.

After the first alleged victim complained to police, it took cops almost three weeks to make an arrest.

Meanwhile, the girls are alleged to have pimped out two other teens and sexually assaulted three.

As the first alleged victim took the stand this week, the 18-year-old revealed how the first john she met the night of May 18, 2012 — when she was 17 — had sex with her

without a condom, and without her consent.

Last week, the girl's mother testified how the next day police took a statement from her about what happened after she heard the story from her daughter.

On May 25, police recorded a video interview with the alleged victim.

Police had the accused girls' names, addresses and copies of Facebook messages between them and the alleged victim.

Yet a second girl was allegedly victimized by all three accused on May 30, 2012.

That girl, the Crown alleges, was brought to three different johns before she made it home and her mom called 911.

Two more victims were allegedly assaulted and photographed naked on June 1, court heard.

Two of the accused teen pimps were arrested on June 8 and 9.

Research destroyed

Animal rights break-in costly

A break-in by animal rights activists who freed about 100 laboratory animals has cost years of research and thousands of dollars in damage, the head of pharmacology at Milan's state university said.

Prof. Francesco Scaglione said most of the research is seeking treatments for Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

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'Wayne Mustardson' feels a seal hunt chill

Parliament Hill protest. Satire falls flat as Inuit demonstrators heckle animal welfare activists

A satirical campaign against the Canadian seal hunt by the International Fund for Animal Welfare got a chilly reception from Inuit demonstrators on Parliament Hill Wednesday.

A staged appearance by "Wayne Mustardson, Minister of Obsolete Industries," to announce fictional tax credits for items like sealskin curtains and seal blubber house paint, ended up being heckled by a small crowd that included aboriginal seal hunt advocate Aaju Peter.

Peter accused the animal rights activists of "destroying livelihoods of East Coast sealers, destroying livelihoods of Inuit families."



Aaju Peter, centre, confronts an International Fund for Animal Welfare member portraying "Wayne Mustardson, Minister of Obsolete Industries" on Parliament Hill. STEVE COLLINS/ FOR METRO

IFAW spokesperson Michelle Cliffe said the demonstrators' hostility was misplaced because their campaign is not aimed at the aboriginal seal hunt.

"We don't know of any animal welfare group that's opposed to Inuit subsistence hunting," she said.

"So the discussion is an unfortunate one, but there's that misunderstanding," Cliffe added.

STEVE COLLINS/ FOR METRO IN OTTAWA

New furor?

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Glymm closure leaves members in lurch

Montreal. Customers of beauty-box service say they're owed products



IRENE KUAN
Metro Online

The business of beauty boxes appears to have hit an ugly bump as Montreal-based Glymm abruptly closed its virtual shop last Friday, leaving members wonder-

ing what happened to their money.

Glymm member Kalyn Lord, 27, an Ottawa-based blogger, said she's not shocked at the news after months of delayed shipments, subpar sample bags and shoddy customer service.

"They asked customers to be patient on Facebook and promised an email newsletter with updated shipping schedules, and at the end of the day, that's all we received from Glymm — empty prom-

ises," Lord said. She said she is owed two months' worth of products.

Members were told Glymm shut down via a short email on April 19. Simultaneously, its website, Facebook and Twitter pages vanished.

Paul Fournier, one of the founders of Glymm and — according to LinkedIn — a sales and e-commerce director at Montreal-based fashion brand Mackage, has not returned phone calls. Metro was told by a receptionist that he's on vacation.



A screengrab from the now-defunct Glymm website. SCREENGRAB/METRO

What's a beauty box?

- The beauty-box industry has grown since LuxeBox, Glymm and TopBox all launched in 2011, with thousands of Canadian women paying to have attractive packages filled with sample-sized beauty products mailed to their doors each month.



Elephant-bird egg proves golden at auction

Christie's scientific specialist James Hyslop poses with a pre-17th century elephant-bird egg at the auction house's premises in London. The massive, partly fossilized egg laid by a now-extinct elephant bird sold for more than double its estimate at auction. Christie's said Wednesday that the foot-long egg fetched 66,675 pounds, or about \$104,470. It was sold to an anonymous buyer over the telephone after about 10 minutes of competitive bidding. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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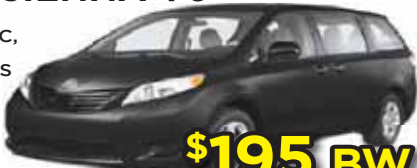
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Personal finance

Canadians paying off debt faster

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The study found that the percentage of unpaid non-mortgage debt classified as going into 90-day delin-

Driller's delight. Gas workers bring creole cuisine along

The land of scrapple and chipped ham is starting to get a taste for jambalaya and boudin.

Thanks to an influx of Southerners filling jobs in north-central Pennsylvania's booming natural-gas industry, a region rarely placed on culinary maps is finding itself flush with the food found below the Mason-Dixon line, arguably the source of some of the U.S.'s richest culinary traditions.

Suddenly, convenience stores stock sweet tea, barbecue is a hot seller and the almost Norman Rockwell-quiet Coun-



Geologist Steve Clark eats jambalaya on a natural gas drilling site near Montoursville, Pa. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

try Store in Pennsdale, Pa., even makes its own boudin, a pork sausage popular in Louisiana.

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quency was a moderate 1.2 per cent in the first quarter of this year, a slight increase from 1.19 per cent in the fourth quarter.

But Nadim Abdo, Equifax's vice-president of consulting solutions, says this rate was markedly lower compared with 1.39 per cent in the first quarter of 2012.

In the past, Equifax studies have shown that consumers tend to take out

more loans — and do not pay them back as quickly — during periods of volatility or high unemployment.

"There seems to be more financial control by the consumers and by the banking and financial institutions," said Abdo. "This is a very positive story. It shows a lot of financial control. People are not kind of going crazy, spending when they shouldn't be spending."

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"You get home from work (and) the last thing you really want to do is go back out to a branch to deposit a cheque."

Gary Genik, Meridian's senior vice-president and chief information officer

The technology has been around for a few years in the U.S., but Canadian consumers are finally getting access to a mobile tool to cash their cheques by taking a photo with their smartphone.

This week, the Westminster Savings credit union in B.C. began accepting cheque deposits with its mobile app.

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"Anything that we can imagine we can do in the branch

or online, our members are looking to do eventually on our phones," said Meridian's senior vice-president and chief information officer Gary Genik.

"One of the last things left for members to drive them into the branch ... is to actually deposit and get access to cash. This provides the ability to deposit a cheque from the comfort of their own home, office, cottage — wherever."

The technology is simple. Users just need to take photos of the front and back of a cheque to cash it within the app. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Barrick Gold Corp. under fire on all fronts

Protesters display an effigy of Barrick Gold Corp.'s chairman and founder Peter Munk outside Toronto's Metro Convention Centre Wednesday as the mining company held its annual meeting. While the protesters focused on environmental issues and corporate responsibility, shareholders expressed their disapproval by voting against an executive pay resolution. Barrick had come under fire for a \$11.9-million signing bonus paid to co-chairman John Thornton that was part of a \$17-million payment package he received last year. The company has also been hit hard by falling gold prices, and work on its Pascua-Lama mine — which straddles the border of Chile and Argentina — was suspended by a Chilean appeals court amid environmental concerns about the construction of the world's highest-altitude gold and silver mine. "This has been a tough year for Barrick and our shareholders. It seems as if our company has been under siege by several disappointments and setbacks," CEO Jamie Sokalsky said during the meeting. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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If there are two topics that all Canadians love, they are taxes and history. As the tax deadline approaches, I thought it important to look back at how Canadians came to be the happy, taxpaying nation that we are today.

Strap yourself in. It's a wild ride.

Time is Money: A History of Canadian Taxes

1500s: Native groups collect percentages of food from passing European explorers. The Europeans are angry at first, but they are also early Canadians: They calm down when they learn that low-income explorers can reclaim a percentage of their cornmeal at the end of each fiscal year by attaching schedule C of form 1256 to their tax form and checking the box "voyageurs, door-to-door salesmen and other itinerant workers."

1652: Louis XIV of France imposes a 10 per cent tax on moose pelts in his colony. At the time, this was considered a sin tax. You don't want to know.

1751: Nova Scotia begins charging duties on billiard tables. Furious Nova Scotians, disguised as aboriginals, raid three ships



HE SAYS

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cert.

1884: The federal government places a vice tax on snuff. In an attempt to counter the obvious moral issues, the government labels each snuff tin with a 1-88-SNUFF-OUT number and a message asking, "Snuffed Enough?"

1917: Prime Minister Robert Borden introduces the Income

tax in Halifax Harbour and try to throw hundreds of billiard tables into the sea, but only manage to throw out their backs. They're angry at first, but also Canadian: They decide to get blind drunk instead, kicking off a tradition still observed by Haligonians to this day.

1867: Canada (now better known as The Harper Government) is created, forcing the need for tax-funded flags, calendars, and pencils with flags on them. The federal government is given the high-cost items of the time, such as railway buildings and finding the best performers for the big Canada Day bash. Canadians are angry at first, but they're Canadian: They calm down when they see that the feds scored Franz Liszt for the Parliament Hill concert.

War Tax Act, saying that shortly after the war "the measure should be definitely reviewed." The official Hansard transcript adds that the prime minister gave big knowing winks throughout his comments before giving a running high-five to everyone in the front row of the House of Commons.

1927: The Department of National Revenue is created. To keep taxes down, the government promises the new department will be a low-cost affair with only one person to answer the phone for the whole country, an edict that is still in place.

1960s: The government begins using computers to collect tax information, guaranteeing that employees who had previously found the deluge of tax returns unmanageable could now soothe their nerves with games of Solitaire and Minesweeper.

1993: The Liberals break an election promise to eliminate the GST. After years of being calmly Canadian, taxpayers have finally had enough and punish the Liberals by tossing them from office 13 years later.

And that's a look at Canadian tax history. If it ever angers you, arm yourself with knowledge. Once you've read about important moments like Lawson v. Interior Tree Fruit and Vegetables Committee of Direction (that's real, I swear), you'll be calm again. If not comatose.

ZOOM

Domo arigato, Mr. Roboto



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You've got to hand it to him

Patrick Kane, 16, who lost his left hand as a baby, has become the first person in Britain to be fitted with a prosthetic hand that is so advanced it can be operated by a smartphone. **METRO**

He's 'app-y'

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Let's shake it

"When I'm meeting new people, it's a great conversation starter."

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While most www bots have a sole purpose to irritate anyone in their automated paths, some have surfaced with no other goal than to bring sheer delight to those caught in their webs. Give any of these a follow for some 9-5 hilarity.

@RedScareBot:

Nominated for a social media Shorty Award, Robot J. McCarthy retweets (with added snark) anything with a seemingly Communist bent. Examples that have gotten the red flag? "Chris Rock is my favorite communist because he's the funniest communist." Joe would be so proud.

@Procrastibot:

For those who need a little nudge getting off Twitter, Procrastibot sends a gentle reminder to "GET BACK TO WORK" at key lazy points in the day.

@pimentocheese:

Pimento cheese retweets all mentions of this Southern delight.



Comments

RE: Justin Trudeau Video Pitches End To Attack Ads, published April 24

I still know nothing about his platform, policies or ideas for running the country ... How about some substance, Justin? I'm not going to vote for you just because "Harper needs to go." Give me some reasons other than your nice hair and boyish smile.

Scott Ox posted to metronews.ca

His father handed Canada over to Quebec and is one of the most hated Canadians of our generation (all federal jobs requiring first language French, endless supplies of tax dollars being dumped into Quebec with equalization payments, etc). Justin is only there because of

his name but I don't think he hates English Canadians as much as his family. It's going to be a tough mix as he already has the guaranteed ... French vote and has the acting training to boot to sway English Canadians. Should be a fun ride.

Crease posted to metronews.ca

Brilliant reply! When the Tory ads started immediately after Justin's victory, all I could think was "they must be really scared if they feel they need to bash him already, and he has(n't) even done anything."

DaleWale posted to metronews.ca

Now this is a really prime example of taking the high road. I'd like to hear more about his political platform, though, so Justin Trudeau definitely has my attention.

Jay posted to metronews.ca

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Actress thrilled to play Memory



Actress Karyn Mott makes her long-anticipated debut performance in Catalyst Theatre's *The Soul Collector*. COURTESY CATALYST THEATRE

The Soul Collector.

Catalyst Theatre's latest offering takes audience on an almost mystical voyage during a blizzard



BACKSTAGE PASS

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Karyn Mott has landed her dream job. After years of admiration and several auditions, she finally found her place within

the Catalyst Theatre family as the star of *The Soul Collector*: Memory McDade.

"I wanted to work with Catalyst for almost 15 years now, ever since the first production I saw," she says. "I love the risks they take with their performances. It's a gift to be able to work with these actors."

Known for their almost athletic and acrobatic infusions, Catalyst Theatre has developed a reputation for putting on shows that go above and beyond the audience's expectations. At the heart of it all is Jonathan Christenson, artistic

director for the company.

"We've been creating adult fairy tale pieces for the last decade with strong musical elements, singing, and bold physicality," he says.

Christenson's latest conception stays true to form with an almost mystical voyage.

"I'm fascinated with how memories come to us in fragments and we don't know their significance, but for some reason it stays with you and if you go on that journey, what you can discover is remarkable," he says of his inspiration for the piece.

Set in a blizzard, *The Soul*

Details

The Soul Collector runs May 1 to 12 at the Westbury Theatre in The Arts Barns (10330 - 84 St.).

- Tickets range from \$25 to \$45 and can be purchased by calling 780-420-1757 or by visiting tixonthesquare.ca.

Collector starts with McDade trying to piece back together her memory and broken heart.

"She is haunted by this

beautiful music and is trying to find the origins of the song," Christenson explains. She is helped by a man who finds her in a storm and he helps her on her quest, which includes time travel and love stories.

In her debut performance, Mott is looking forward to pulling off the captivating plot that is full of twists and turns. "I find the biggest challenge is to find a balance that connects the story and my own experiences," she says.

"But, I am 100 per cent committed to the character and I think it will be incredibly rewarding."

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Tattoo artist Kat Von D is getting ready to marry Deadmau5. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

They're not playing a game of Kat and Mau5

Wedding plans. Tattoo artist Kat Von D reveals that she and producer Deadmau5 are 'deep' into their wedding planning

Will you tweet me?
"Everybody was giving us so much slack for that because like, 'Oh, it's so non-romantic and disconnected.'"

Kat Von D
Talking about how Deadmau5 proposed

Renowned tattoo artist Kat Von D has had a string of much-publicized relationship woes, from a divorce to fellow inker Oliver Peck to a breakup with Motley Crue bassist Nikki Sixx and two failed engagements with reality TV star Jesse James.

But these days Von D says she's happily engaged to her "best friend," Canadian electronic music artist Deadmau5 (Joel Zimmerman), with whom she shares a matching tattoo — a series of numbers and letters that's on her collarbone and his forearm and is their "inside secret."

During a recent stop in Toronto to promote her newly released third book, *Go Big Or Go Home: Taking Risks in Life, Love, and Tattooing*, the former LA Ink star said the two are "deep into the wedding planning" for their nuptials in Los Angeles, where she lives.

They're also making music

together, both for their own side project and for her debut album, which she said is being produced by rocker Danny Lohner and has tunes co-written by hitmaker Linda Perry.

Being with the mouse-masked DJ gives her the same excitement she felt when she was 14 and first started tattooing, gushed Von D (short for von Drachenberg).

"I remember I didn't know what I was doing at all and I just did it, and it was so natural and so perfect and I loved it, and all I could think about was, 'When will I do it again?' And being with Joel is the only thing that's ever exceeded how organic that feels," she said in an interview at HarperCollins Canada.

"So it's like, it makes sense. There's no work in it," added the raven-haired Von

D, who made headlines when she began dating James just months after his split from actress Sandra Bullock.

Von D and Zimmerman, a Grammy-nominated dance producer who grew up in Niagara Falls, Ont., revealed their engagement last December via Twitter.

The social media site is also where they first declared they were in love (in late September), where they announced they'd briefly broken up (less than a month later), and where Zimmerman later proposed.

"I can't wait for Christmas so.... Katherine Von Drachenberg, will you marry me?" he wrote while also posting a photo of a custom-made ring of two skulls surrounding a diamond.

"Everybody was giving us so much slack for that because like, 'Oh, it's so non-romantic and disconnected,' and we're like, 'No, you don't get it, it's an inside joke,'" said Von D.

Von D said they were in the same house in Los Angeles at the time of the proposal.

She was downstairs, having just arrived home from work, and he shouted from upstairs: "Kat, check your Twitter."

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Go big or go home — Lars Ulrich is promising their new film is going big.
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Metallica's new genre-bending 3D concert to show on IMAX

Concert footage. Band leader Lars Ulrich promises upcoming film will be different than any concert footage you have seen before

Metallica already planned to go big with its new 3D film. IMAX is helping make the debut for Metallica Through The Never giant-sized. The film that mixes concert footage with a dramatic narrative and CGI will open Sept. 27, becoming the first movie to debut on IMAX's chain of super-sized screens. The film will open wide a week later.

"To be at the forefront in this situation where IMAX has never done this is very exciting," Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich said. "It's also a bit of a confidence booster. Being in the movie-making business is

not necessarily our forte and it's been a very interesting three years. We've learned a lot about a lot of different things. The recognition from IMAX and to be able to have our fans and people that are interested in this film to see it and experience it in the IMAX format is super cool."

Ulrich, in his first interview about the movie, chuckled at the long road the film, directed by Nimrod Antal and released by Picturehouse, has taken to near completion. It remains in post-production where concert and narrative footage are being knitted together with CGI effects to create something the band thinks will be completely different from the average concert film.

"Any filmmaker hopes people like a film," Ulrich said, "but what I can guarantee is that it will be unlike anything that anybody's ever seen before — so at least that's something. And for

Release

That the movie's release slipped into 2013 turns out to be a good thing in retrospect. Even if it's taken a few more checks than the band expected.

- **Quote.** "Metallica (has a) tendency to jump and then start asking questions on the way down, then realize that as we get closer to the ground that there's no safety net and realize we should have asked more questions on the way down," Ulrich said. "But that's part of the rush. We jumped and this seemed like a pretty fun undertaking."

that I'm pretty excited."

Ulrich, speaking by phone from Cape Town, South Africa, where the pioneering

metal band will play this week, didn't want to go too deeply into details about the film. It stars young Chronicle actor Dane DeHaan as a member of Metallica's concert tour crew who's sent on a special mission by the band. The movie follows two parallel story lines — DeHaan's scripted narrative and the band's concert — which intertwine throughout.

The band built a stage to film its concert pieces so fans will have the feeling of being inside the performance.

"There's no secret there are parts of Metallica's career that have been quite theatrical, of the different live experiences that we've had," Ulrich said. "And so we thought that we would give some of those theatrical presentations a kind of 2012 upgrade, especially for a bunch of our fans who were very, very young who have only heard about what happened in the '80s and '90s." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

No late night wars — they're late-night friends

Television. Forget about the Letterman-Leno feuds, these two new late night kings say they have nothing but respect for one another

The longtime feud between late-night hosts Jay Leno and David Letterman is the stuff of legend and, apparently, so

yesterday.

The two Jimmys: Jimmy Kimmel and Jimmy Fallon, agree there's no rivalry between them.

Both were among the honorees in New York Tuesday at a gala recognizing Time magazine's annual list of the 100 Most Influential People in the World.

"I feel good about it. We're very friendly. I know people expect us to dislike each other and say bad things about each other but that will

never happen," said 45-year-old Kimmel.

He agreed that making nice is a good thing.

"It is nice. We're like (vocalist duo) Peaches & Herb. I'm Peaches," he laughed.

They'll face-off in the ratings next year when Fallon leaves NBC's Late Night with Jimmy Fallon and replaces Leno as host of The Tonight Show. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Jimmy Kimmel
Talking about Jimmy Fallon.



Jimmy Kimmel and Jimmy Fallon. KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

Trivia

Burnett behind new Canadian TV game show

Reality show guru Mark Burnett is behind a new TV game show bound for Ontario's CHCH channel.

The half-hour series Spin Off, a game of trivia and chance, is set to debut as part of the primetime lineup this fall.

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Reno television

Vanilla Ice, Reverend Run get DIY shows

The DIY television network is proving a comfortable home for rappers turned renovators.

Vanilla Ice Goes Amish will debut on the network this year, while Reverend Run's series will air start-up later this year.

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Dear Kickstarter, it's Braff, and he'd like to make a movie

Hollywood. Following on the Veronica Mars success, Garden State maker looking to fundraise for next film Wish I Was Here

Since directing Garden State, Zach Braff has continually prepared music in an iTunes playlist titled, For Next Movie. Nine years and hundreds of saved songs later, Braff hopes he's finally making his follow-up to Garden State — if his fans can help.

On Wednesday, in the wake of the enormously successful Veronica Mars Kickstarter campaign, the Scrubs star launched a crowd-funding campaign to make his next movie. For the next 30 days, he'll try to raise \$2 million on Kickstarter for Wish I Was Here, a film he co-wrote with his brother Adam.

Braff's movie is the most notable film project since Rob Thomas sent shock waves through Hollywood by turning to fans to resurrect



Zach Braff.

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his long-cancelled, cultishly adored private eye TV series.

While Kickstarter has for years been a helpful source of financing for small independent films, Veronica Mars showed it could also be a galvanizing platform for bigger names, greater sums and larger scale movies. With 91,585 backers, Veronica Mars pulled in \$5.7 million.

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Revolution stars Tracy Spiridakos and is airing Mondays on NBC.

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Whether she's hopping off cliffs, battling rogue bandits or surviving in the post-apocalyptic wilderness, Tracy Spiridakos makes roughing it in the futuristic wild west of NBC's *Revolution* look easy.

That's partly because the self-described tomboy feels right at home playing the intrepid heroine in J.J. Abrams' latest sci-fi offering about a world without electricity.

"She's definitely a rough and tough, can rumble kind

of chick," said Spiridakos. "I can relate."

Spiridakos grew up in Greece and Canada climbing trees, playing street hockey and making mud pies with her two older brothers.

"I think this is the most feminine that I've ever been," she said in a recent interview. "I bought a dress a little while ago ... and it was just for fun. I was like 'I don't even know who this person is anymore!'"

Not surprisingly Spiridakos lives for stunt days on set. She's often begging the crew to let her take a stab at the more challenging feats, even relishing the occasional injury.

"Bruises are the good war wounds. I'll go show my fiancé afterward. I'm like, 'Look! He's like, 'Oh god, Trace.' And it will be a nice, big bloody wound," she explained, beaming with pride.

Revolution is Spiridakos' first lead role for American television and she's still pinching herself.

"I literally came to L.A. like every actor does from this little town with this big dream and I'm living in it now," she said. "It's mind-blowing."

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Keeping grounded

Spiridakos is engaged to Canadian actor Jon Cor. She calls her brothers her "heart and soul" and credits them with keeping her grounded. And when she's not filming she's still expected to pick up shifts at the family-owned Greek restaurant in Winnipeg.

- **Quote.** "I love that because it's easy to get wrapped up in the world you're in," she said. "So when I go home I get to go back to the basics."

With so much drama in the industry ...

Love & Hip Hop. Mona Scott-Young's reality TV series overcomes backlash — for now — but complaints continue to roll in on controversial show

Mona Scott-Young used to wake up in cold sweat at night, wondering if she made the right decision to leave her list of high-profile hip-hop clients to branch off and create reality television shows.

That's a dilemma the creator of the popular reality series *Love & Hip-Hop* on VH1 doesn't have to worry about anymore.

"I was leaving something that I had built for nearly 20 years of my life," recalled Scott-Young, who was the co-founder of Violator Management with the late Chris Lighty.

Their company represented some of music's top artists from LL Cool J to 50 Cent to Missy Elliott.

Feeling complacent and unfulfilled, Scott-Young left Violator and started her own film production company, Monami Entertainment.

The fear was strong, she said.

"But it was exhilarating to start over because I had a new lease on life, venturing into territories unknown for me and just starting from scratch."

Love & Hip-Hop, created with Jim Ackerman, is broken up into two different shows — one based in New York and another in Atlanta.

Each show primarily focuses on six women and the supporting cast of men who are connected to the hip-hop industry, following their personal lives and careers.

The series doesn't include any big names, but the over-the-top dramatic story lines make it compelling to watch — and also a target of criticism.

The second season of *L&HH*: Atlanta premieres Monday night on VH1, starring Stevie J, K. Michelle, Lil Scrappy and Rasheeda.



Mona Scott-Young is the creator of the VH1 reality show *Love & Hip Hop* in Atlanta.

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Face to the name

"Before, people heard of my name but didn't know what I looked like. I relish the character that I am on television. People are amused by our stories."

Stevie J
Talking about being on *Love & Hip Hop* and how his womanizing ways have drawn viewers into the storylines

It returns after pulling in strong ratings last season with an average of 2.8 million viewers and 4.4 million in the second part of the show's reunion last year, according to Nielsen.

The New York version finished its third season last month, pulling in an average of nearly two million viewers.

Some of the cast members include Yandy Smith, Tahiry Jose and Joe Budden.

"Mona allowed these women to tell their story, and guys like me to be

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known," said Stevie J, a Grammy-winning producer who is a self-proclaimed womanizer caught in a love triangle between longtime girlfriend Mimi Faust and Joseline Hernandez.

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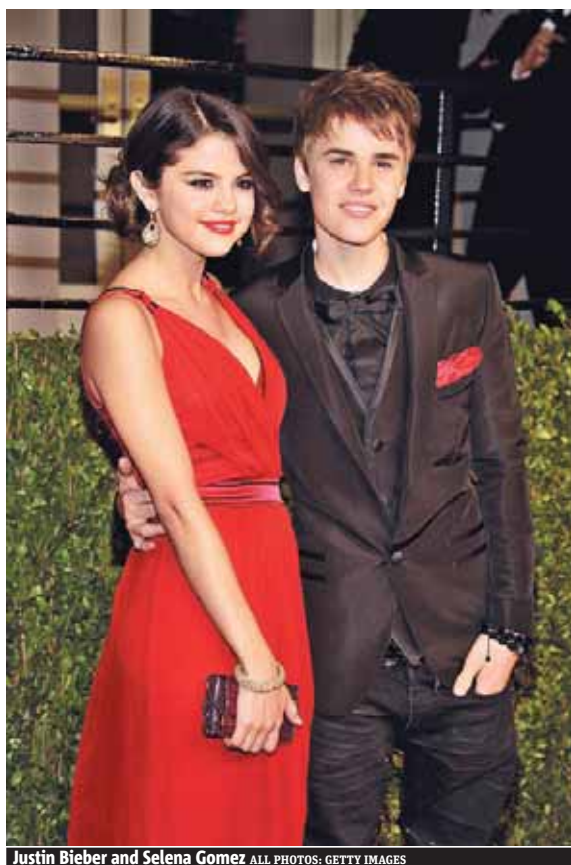
"I relish the character that I am on television. People are amused by our

stories."

Even though *L&HH* has drawn millions of viewers, it has been under fire. Some petitioned for the show's cancellation, saying it depicted African-American women in a negative light.

Some also criticized the series for its frequent fights and focusing on the drama more than the music.

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Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

The one love for Justin and Selena?

Do Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez's make-out sessions during their reunion in Europe this week mean that the couple is back together? Maybe, maybe not, according to Us Weekly. "They have a crazy connection," a source close to Bieber says, but "they aren't back

together."

Another source says it's anyone's guess: "Who knows with them? They're always back and forth." If they are in fact back together, Bieber can take the credit, according to a Gomez pal: "Justin pursued Selena and she gave in," the source says.

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Sean Lowe is like a virgin, but not really



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The Bachelor is a virgin no longer.

Nothing makes me roll my eyes harder than the phrase "born again virgin" unless it's a celebrity proclaiming, "We're going to be married forever!" As it turns out, Sean Lowe, who was known as the Virgin Bachelor on this season of The Bachelor for his insistence of not

fornicating (again) until marriage, won't be sacrificed to the gods anytime soon. Two sources confirm in the new issue of Life & Style that Sean did in fact sleep with his fiancée, Catherine Giudici, while the show was still airing. "Yes, they definitely had sex," a "Bachelor insider" reveals exclusively to Life & Style. "The first time was the night he proposed in Thailand."

A second source close to Catherine confirms the flings, saying, "Sean and Catherine have hooked up already. The whole born-again-virgin thing is a bunch of B.S. It's just something he made up for the show."

Wait. A network made up something on a reality TV show in order to get ratings? Stop blowing my mind!

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Reese Witherspoon

Witherspoon's arrest not the end of the world, according to pal Chelsea

Everyone needs to calm down about Reese Witherspoon's disorderly conduct arrest, at least according to pal Chelsea Handler.

"She's doing

fine. She's doing fine, you know?" Handler tells Entertainment Tonight. "She was just trying to protect her husband. I mean, everybody makes mistakes, so it's not a big deal." Witherspoon's arrest came after she allegedly argued with an Atlanta-area police officer who had pulled over her husband, Jim Toth, for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

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You're about to go on tour with Pitbull. How do you keep on top of your beauty regimen on the road?

I could go for two days without a shower, but I always take care of my skin and my face. The rest of my life is chaos, but I'm pretty religious about that. I cleanse and moisturize all the time because I'm prone to having dry skin. I've also started putting a tiny, pea size amount of retinol in my night cream. It supposedly helps your skin exfoliate constantly.

In your song TiK ToK, you sing about brushing your teeth with a bottle of Jack. Are you the type to fall asleep with your makeup on?

Whisky isn't necessarily my first choice when it comes

to dental hygiene. I always wash my face. Sometimes I just leave the eyes because I like my makeup better the next morning, it looks naturally wild. It creates this sexy, smoky eye that I don't know how to create myself. It looks great.

Speaking of eyes, you seem to have a thing for glitter.

I cover myself in glitter! I pour it on the ground, lay in it and roll around. Then my glitter

roadie sprinkles it all over me. His job is to make sure every inch of my body is covered.

Is he a makeup artist?

No, he just has a beard.

Your hair. The waves, the cornrows, it must be high maintenance.

My hair is a constant battle. It's like the fifth member of my band. I have to keep it healthy. But it's a struggle when I'm bleaching and styling it con-

stantly. So I sleep in Kérastase Deep Conditioner, Bumble and Bumble Mending Conditioner or Moroccan Oil. When I don't have someone plucking and prodding my head, I tie it up in a messy bun.

You recently wrapped up filming your MTV documentary, Ke\$ha: My Crazy Beautiful Life. Did you keep on a full face of makeup throughout filming?

It's ridiculous ... you'll

see me with no makeup, no hair, no nothing. I'm running around without a bra on, looking so disheveled.

A lot of tabloids have made a big deal about your recent weight loss. Has fame changed you, physically?

Of course.

I have to be stricter with myself than I ever was before. When I train for my tour, it's like I'm training for an athletic event. Every morning when I wake up, I try to meditate and get in the right mental headspace in order to kick ass. With my first record, I didn't realize how many eyes would be on me. This time around I'm prepared.

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Inside Ke\$ha's makeup bag

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Rhubarb balances sweetness in pork

An import from England, rhubarb was known in 19th century America as "the pie plant" because that was where it usually ended up. But rhubarb's acidity makes it a great addition to savoury dishes, too.

On the shelf in your grocery store, rhubarb looks a lot like celery, except that it's usually a fetching reddish-purple in colour. It comes in long, slender stalks, with strings running from top to bottom. To eliminate the toughness of the strings,

Ingredients

- 2 pork tenderloins, trimmed of fat
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 2 cups thinly sliced rhubarb
- 2 tsp sugar
- 2 tbsp minced shallot
- 1/2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 cup orange juice
- 2 tsp water
- 1 tsp cornstarch
- 2 tsp Dijon mustard
- Chopped fresh chives, to garnish

Pork Tenderloin Medallions with Rhubarb-Orange Sauce



This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

some cooks peel their rhubarb before cooking. You can deal with the issue by thinly slicing the stalks across the grain of the strings.

Given its high water content, turning rhubarb into a sauce requires little more than cooking it. It breaks down quickly and becomes nice and thick. In this recipe, it needed

some counter-balancing sweetness, so adding a splash of fresh orange juice does the trick.

As for the cut of pork on which we ladle this sauce, go with the tenderloin instead of its neighbour, the loin. Both are lean, but they call it the tenderloin, after all, for a reason. However, this isn't to say it won't turn out tough and dry if you

overcook it, so be sure to keep your eye on the cooking time.

1. Trim off thin end piece of each tenderloin, cutting off about 3-inch section. Slice remaining portion of each tenderloin crosswise into 3/4-inch rounds. You should end up with about 18 pieces, including 2 thin sections cut from the ends.

Season pork on all sides with salt and pepper.

2. In skillet over medium-high, heat 1 tablespoon of oil. Working in batches, add pork to skillet. Cook, turning to brown on all sides, for about 4 to 5 minutes, or until the pork is just pink at the centre (about 145 F). Transfer the pork to a plate, cover with foil and let it rest while you prepare the sauce.

3. Return skillet to heat and add remaining tablespoon of oil, rhubarb and sugar. Sauté 2 minutes. Add shallots and garlic and cook, stirring, for another minute. Add the orange juice and simmer for 2 minutes.

4. In bowl, whisk water and cornstarch, then add to simmering broth in stream, whisking. Return sauce to boil, then whisk in mustard and any juices that have collected on the plate from the pork.

5. To serve, divide pork between 6 plates, then top with some sauce. Garnish with chives. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ SARA MOULTON, AUTHOR OF SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS**

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Sausage and spring greens enhance penne

1. Bring pot of salted water to a boil. Add the pasta and cook for a few minutes less than the recommended time on the box.

2. Meanwhile, cut off and reserve Swiss chard stems. Chop Swiss chard leaves coarsely. Cut the stems into 1/2-inch lengths.

3. In skillet over medium-high,

heat oil. Add sausages and cook, stirring, 3 minutes, or until browned. Use slotted spoon to transfer sausages to a bowl.

4. Return skillet to medium heat and add onion. Cook until golden, 5 minutes. Add garlic and cook, stirring, for 1 minute.

5. Add Swiss chard stems to

skillet, cover and cook 3 minutes. Remove lid and add half Swiss chard greens. Stir and cook, stirring occasionally, until greens are slightly wilted. Add remaining greens, cover and cook, stirring occasionally, until completely wilted. Add tomatoes, hefty pinch of salt and the red pepper flakes, if using.

6. When the pasta is almost done but not quite al dente, drain it, reserving 1 cup of the cooking liquid. Add pasta and 3/4 cup of the cooking liquid to skillet and simmer 4 minutes, adding more cooking liquid if necessary, until pasta is al dente and most liquid has evaporated. Add sausages, then season with salt. Divide mix among 4 shallow bowls and top each portion with some cheese. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ SARA MOULTON, AUTHOR OF THREE COOKBOOKS, INCLUDING SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS.**

Ingredients

- 8 oz whole-wheat penne
- 1 lb Swiss chard
- 2 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 4 oz sausages, halved length wise, then sliced 1/2-inch-thick crosswise
- 1/2 cup finely chopped yellow onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 15-oz can (about 1 3/4 cups) chopped tomatoes, preferably fire roasted
- Kosher salt
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1 1/2 oz grated Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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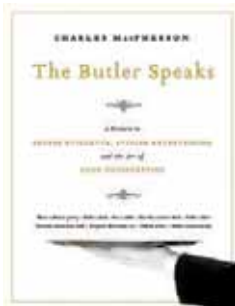


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As a fan of Downton Abbey, I have fallen in love with those larger-than-life homes portrayed on the show. I may not ever get to live in one, but one can dream, can't he? But since I got a hold of *The Butler Speaks* (by Charles MacPherson, Random House) I've also taken on a whole new appreciation for the folks that live in the lower level of those big mansions. Knowing how to domestically survive in today's busy world is one of the most important things we can achieve. A well-run household (no matter how big or small) ensures a clean, orderly and, ultimately, stylish space. Here are a few basics to turn you into the perfect home butler. I think Charles The Butler would agree.

The Butler Speaks

This is everything you never paid attention to while living at home: stylish entertaining, etiquette and the art of good housekeeping. Read this book and you will become the chicest domestic expert around. Written by Canada's domestic authority and world renown butler, Charles MacPherson. \$30, randomhouse.ca



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Sensory gardens: Five ways to perfect your outdoor oasis

Touch, see, taste, hear and smell your yard. Choose the senses you want to focus on and transform your space into something special

The silky petals of a fragrant pink shrub rose; the crunchy texture of a gravel path; a nook where grass rustles and a stream runs. What we smell, see, hear, touch and taste can make a garden walk a wonderful sensory experience. If you're designing a garden, consider creating one that's a feast for one, several or all of the senses.

Public examples that can provide inspiration include the William T. Bacon Sensory Garden at the Chicago Botanic Garden and the Lerner Garden of the Five Senses at the Coastal Maine Botanic Garden in Boothbay.

At the Bacon, a large sycamore tree with mottled bark sits at the centre, while a crabapple meadow bursts into a cloud of sweet-smelling pink and white in spring. At the Lerner, a labyrinth path made of smooth stones is a reflexologist's delight. Weeping larches flank the entry, and vertical cage planters called "flower towers" are stocked by garden staff with a variety of flavourful plantings. Stone sinks offer water to cleanse the palate. If you want to create your own sensory garden, pick the senses you want to focus on and get to work.

Sight

A swath of cool blues, purples and whites provides a soothing, tranquil atmosphere. Warm yellows, oranges and

reds are more energetic. Varieties of green — pines, grasses, ornamental shrubs — can bring a Zen vibe to the garden. You may want to add some artistic elements as well, especially if you have small children — hanging ribbons or mobiles, or ornaments that attract wildlife. Consider bee balm, red columbine, lantana and trumpet vine to draw hummingbirds. Echinacea, buddleia, black-eyed susan, Joe Pye weed, coreopsis and violets will call the butterflies. How is the garden experienced at night? Think of white blooms and foliage that reflect the moonlight and lights under water in a pond.

Touch

Consider plants with an interesting feel. Fuzzy lamb's ears, soft mosses and succulents, cottony silver sage, prickly or spiky thistles, broom, conifers and other trees with intriguing bark. For the hardscaping, you'll want pebbles, stones or gravel, or a padded path of grass, fine mulch or sand. A metal bench that warms in the sun and cools in the shade provides additional tactile interest.

Sound

Put seating near rustling grasses or hard-stemmed plants like bamboo that make knocking noises in a breeze. Deciduous tree leaves whoosh, and pine trees whisper. A little portable trickling fountain makes even a small garden feel grounded in nature; a water feature of any sort will likely attract songbirds and small animals or reptiles. A wind chime may play a tune in the slightest

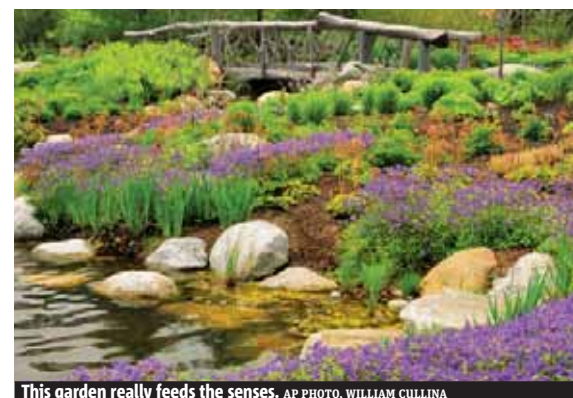
breath of air.

Taste

Plant edibles like nasturtiums, mint, pansies and berries that can be eaten right off the bush as visitors walk your garden.

Smell

Jasmine, geranium, rose, honeysuckle, gardenia, lavender. If your zone allows for one or two of these heady scents, you'll have a featured performer in your sensory garden. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



This garden really feeds the senses. AP PHOTO, WILLIAM CULLINA



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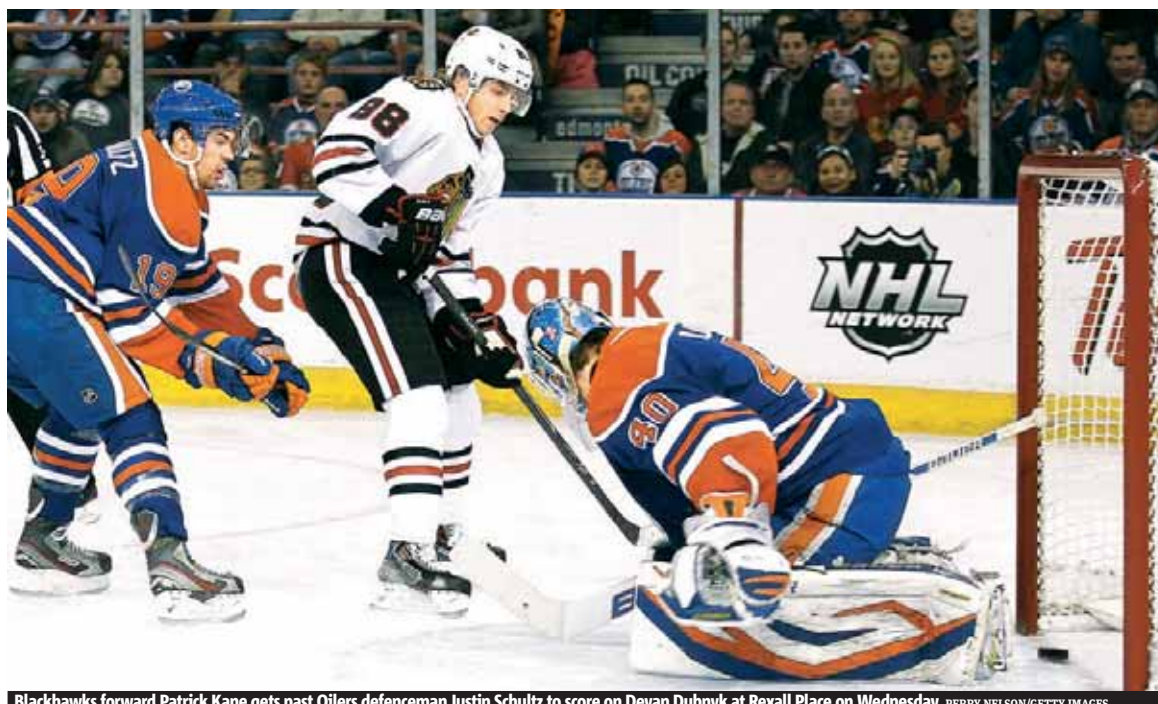
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Blackhawks forward Patrick Kane gets past Oilers defenceman Justin Schultz to score on Devan Dubnyk at Rexall Place on Wednesday. PERRY NELSON/GETTY IMAGES

Blackhawks clinch Presidents' Trophy

NHL. Chicago continues late tear with win over Edmonton, lock up top regular-season record

Patrick Kane led the way with a goal and two assists as the Chicago Blackhawks captured the Presidents' Trophy for the first time in 22 years with a 4-1 victory over the Edmonton Oilers on Wednesday.

Jonathan Toews, Patrick Sharp and Johnny Oduya also scored for the Blackhawks (35-6-5), who have gone 10-1-2

On Wednesday

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Blackhawks

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in their last 13 games to officially edge out the Pittsburgh Penguins for the top regular-season record.

Nail Yakupov responded for the Oilers (17-22-7), who continue to drop like a rock towards another high draft pick

with losses in nine of their last 10.

Chicago started off the scoring four minutes into the match as Toews elected to shoot on a 2-on-1, cleanly beating Oilers goalie Devan Dubnyk with a wrist shot to the stick side for his 22nd goal of the season.

The Oilers tied the game 1-1 less than a minute later, as Yakupov collected a rebound off the boards and blasted a rocket of a slap shot that Hawks starter Ray Emery had little chance on. It was the 12th goal of the year for Yakupov, the first overall draft pick in 2012.

The Blackhawks went up

2-1 eight minutes into the opening frame as Kane fought off Justin Schultz to go in on a breakaway and put it through Dubnyk's legs with relative ease, equalling Toews for the team lead with 22 goals. Chicago then pushed its lead to two goals five minutes into the final frame as Oduya took a pass from Kane on the fly and picked the top corner with a quick wrist shot.

Sharp sealed the victory with an empty-net goal.

Emery left 14 minutes into the game with a lower body injury and did not return.

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NHL

Top defender Karlsson travels with Sens to D.C.

Ottawa Senators head coach Paul MacLean said defenceman Erik Karlsson will join the team on its trip to Washington for Thursday's game against the Capitals but no decision has been made on when he might return to action.

The star blue-liner has been out of the lineup since suffering a serious injury to his Achilles tendon on Feb. 13.

Karlsson was expected to miss the rest of the season following surgery to repair the tendon, which was sliced by a skate during a game. However, the defending Norris Trophy winner recently returned to practice and was back with regular defence partner Marc Methot for Wednesday's skate.

"There's always a chance, yes. But at this point he practised in a regular turn today so that's another step in the process and we'll see where it goes tomorrow," said MacLean.

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Curling

Martin on lookout for new third

Kevin Martin and John Morris are going their separate ways after seven years.

The two curlers released a statement on Wednesday night, saying Morris was leaving Martin's rink, which includes second Marc Kennedy and lead Ben Hebert.

The team also won a gold medal for Canada at the 2010 Winter Olympics.

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Rockets crash in OKC, Thunder take 2-0 lead

Dynamic duo. Durant and Westbrook each scored 29 points to help OKC regain the lead

Russell Westbrook relishes the moments when an opponent challenges him and his Oklahoma City Thunder teammates and it becomes time to respond.

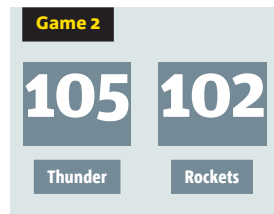
Rookie Patrick Beverley showed a willingness to go toe-to-toe with the Thunder's All-Star point guard, and the Houston Rockets didn't back down despite a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter.

Then it was up to Westbrook and the Thunder to come up with an answer.

Westbrook and Kevin Durant each scored 29 points, and Oklahoma City recovered after squandering its big lead to beat Houston 105-102 on Wednesday night and take a 2-0 series lead.

"It's fun. During this time of the year, as a team we've got one goal and we can't let nobody get in the way," Westbrook said. "That's how I feel and that's how I want my team to respond as well."

Durant hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 2:28 to play after the Rockets had turned a 15-point deficit into a four-point lead, and the Thunder didn't relin-



quish the lead.

Durant missed a free throw with one second left, but Houston was out of time outs and Carlos Delfino couldn't connect on a desperation shot at the final buzzer.

"It's frustrating and it hurts really bad right now," said Chandler Parsons, who scored 17 points for Houston. "But you've got to take some positives out of it. It's a long series."

Game 3 is Saturday night in Houston.

The Thunder's big lead melted away with nine straight empty possessions as the Rockets mixed in a zone defence.

James Harden spearheaded a 21-2 Houston comeback by getting into the lane to create his own opportunities, and he also kicked the ball out to set up two 3-pointers by Delfino. His second 3, from the right wing, provided a 95-91 lead with 3:27 to go.

But the Rockets couldn't keep it up. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Small forward Kevin Durant puts up a shot over Chandler Parsons of the Houston Rockets during the Thunder's 105-102 victory over the Rockets on Wednesday night in Oklahoma City. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Tough loss

Rockets point guard Jeremy Lin left the game after suffering a muscle contusion in his chest.

- James Harden finished the game with 36 points

and 11 rebounds.

- Houston clawed back from a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter before losing to the Thunder.

Grizzly defence. Gasol named the NBA's top defensive player

Grizzlies centre Marc Gasol insists he isn't being charitable when he credits his teammates for winning his first NBA Defensive Player of the Year award. Playing great defence is just what they do in Memphis.

He said Wednesday that he believes the entire team has been recognized for how the Grizzlies play defence, crediting guards Tony Allen and Mike Conley for having a big share of the award with him.

"It's a team game, and there's no way around it. That's how we play basketball," Gasol said. "We play as a unit, and defensively, you need five guys to play. One of us is not playing defence, we cannot do it. We play as a team. It actually feels much better when we do it like that. You create something bigger than yourself. It's not just about you."

Gasol anchored that defence, and he received 212 points and 30 first-place votes to edge Miami's LeBron James, who had 149 points and 18 first-place votes. Gasol appeared on only 60 of the 121 ballots cast, with James on 47 ballots despite his 129 steals and 67 blocked shots.

The seven-foot-one Span-



Grizzlies centre Marc Gasol won the Defensive Player of the Year Award on Wednesday.

JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES

iard became the first European to win the award, though just the latest big man following Tyson Chandler of New York last year and Dwight Howard three straight seasons before that. Gasol called being the first European to win this award an honour.

Gasol averaged 1.7 blocks and 1.0 steals for a Memphis defence that allowed a league-best 88.7 points per game.

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NHL

Hurricanes make home finale a family affair

The Carolina Hurricanes are going Staal in for the home finale.

They added their third Staal brother on Wednesday when right-winger Jared Staal

was called up from their AHL affiliate in Charlotte. He joins older brothers Eric and Jordan Staal on the roster.

"The more, the merrier," Eric, the team captain, said after practice Wednesday.

Jared is scheduled to make his NHL debut Thursday night against the New York Rangers — brother Marc Staal's team.

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Blue Jays avoid sweep in Baltimore



Blue Jays catcher J.P. Arencibia is met in the dugout on Wednesday after hitting a two-run home run in the second inning against the Baltimore Orioles at Camden Yards. The longball was Arencibia's eighth, tops in the American League as of Wednesday afternoon. PATRICK SMITH/GETTY IMAGES

Extra innings.

Blue Jays score winning run in 11th after Johnson fails to find the strike zone

The Toronto Blue Jays bashed four home runs, then scored the decisive run without taking a swing.

Jim Johnson walked Maicer Izturis with the bases loaded in the 11th inning, and the Blue Jays beat the Orioles 6-5 on Wednesday to avert a three-game sweep and end Baltimore's run of consecutive extra-inning victories at 17.

"It would have been a tough game to lose. It was a big game to win," said Toronto manager John Gibbons, who was ejected in the ninth inning after his team blew a 5-2 lead in the seventh.

With two outs in the 11th, J.P. Arencibia and Munenori Kawasaki singled before Johnson (1-2) hit Brett Lawrie with a pitch and issued a four-

On Wednesday

6

Blue Jays

5

Orioles

pitch walk to Izturis, the No. 9 hitter in the lineup.

"I just had a hard time throwing a strike," Johnson said. "Kind of lost feel, and obviously that's a terrible way to lose a game."

Izturis said, "I just tried to look for a pitch and drive it up the middle. But he threw high fastballs, so on 2-0 I tried to be patient and make him throw strikes."

That didn't happen, and the last-place Blue Jays got out of town with a much-needed win.

"When you are struggling as a team and you have a lead and it evaporates, it's hard," Gibbons said. "We haven't played great baseball, but we haven't been swept."

One night earlier, the Ori-

oles won their 100th consecutive game when leading after the seventh inning. In this one, their streak of extra-inning wins — 16 of which came last year — came crashing to a halt. It was the longest run since the Pittsburgh Pirates won 21 straight in 1959-60.

"It's not something I dwell on," Orioles manager Buck Showalter said. "I know our guys don't. But I understand how it's noteworthy."

Esmil Rogers (1-1) pitched the 10th and Casey Janssen got three straight outs for his sixth save.

Toronto starter Brandon Morrow took a two-hitter and a 5-2 lead into the seventh, but the right-hander failed in his bid to earn his first win of the season. Morrow gave up three earned runs and three hits — all of them doubles — in 6 1/3 innings.

Gibbons didn't go the distance, either. He received his first ejection of the year after resuming an argument started by Lawrie over a called third strike. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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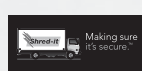
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(Best-of-7 series)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS MILWAUKEE (8)

(Miami leads 2-0)

Tuesday's result

Miami 98 Milwaukee 86

Thursday's game

Miami at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.

NEW YORK (2) VS BOSTON (7)

(New York leads 2-0)

Tuesday's result

New York 87 Boston 71

Friday's game

New York at Boston, 8 p.m.

INDIANA (3) VS ATLANTA (6)

(Indiana leads 2-0)

Wednesday's result

Indiana 113 Atlanta 98

BROOKLYN (4) VS CHICAGO (5)

(Series tied 1-1)

Thursday's game

Brooklyn at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

OKLAHOMA CITY (1) VS HOUSTON (8)

(Oklahoma City leads 2-0)

Wednesday's result

Oklahoma City 105 Houston 102

SAN ANTONIO (1) VS L.A. LAKERS (7)

(San Antonio leads 2-0)

Wednesday's result

San Antonio 102 L.A. Lakers 91

DENVER (3) VS GOLDEN STATE (6)

(Series tied 1-1)

Tuesday's result

Golden State 131 Denver 117

Friday's game

Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

L.A. CLIPPERS (4) VS MEMPHIS (5)

(L.A. leads 2-0)

Thursday's game

L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
dx-Pittsburgh	46	35	11	0	0	155	113	70
dx-Boston	45	27	13	2	3	125	102	59
dx-Washington	46	26	18	2	0	145	126	54
x-Montreal	46	27	14	3	2	141	123	59
x-Toronto	46	25	16	0	5	140	129	55
x-NY Islanders	46	24	16	4	2	137	135	54
Ottawa	45	23	16	2	4	109	99	52
NY Rangers	46	24	18	0	4	122	109	52
Winnipeg	47	24	20	0	3	126	140	51
New Jersey	46	18	18	3	7	109	123	46
Buffalo	47	20	21	2	4	123	142	46
Philadelphia	46	21	22	1	2	129	139	45
Carolina	46	19	24	2	1	122	148	41
Tampa Bay	46	18	24	1	3	145	143	40
Florida	46	14	26	5	1	107	164	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
dx-Chicago	46	35	6	0	5	151	98	75
dx-Anaheim	46	29	11	3	3	134	112	64
dx-Vancouver	46	26	13	1	6	124	111	59
x-San Jose	46	25	14	3	4	121	111	57
x-Los Angeles	47	26	16	1	4	130	116	57
x-St. Louis	46	27	17	1	1	122	113	56
Minnesota	46	25	18	1	2	118	120	53
Detroit	46	22	16	3	5	116	113	52
Columbus	46	22	17	3	4	114	117	51
Dallas	46	22	20	3	1	129	136	48
Phoenix	45	19	18	3	5	114	122	46
Calgary	46	19	23	1	3	126	153	42
Edmonton	46	17	22	4	3	112	131	41
Nashville	46	16	21	3	6	108	131	41
Colorado	46	15	24	5	2	110	145	37

x - clinched playoff berth; y - division; z - conference.

Wednesday's results

Tampa Bay 5 Toronto 2

Chicago 4 Edmonton 1

Detroit 3 Los Angeles 1

San Jose at Phoenix

Thursday's games

All times Eastern

Ottawa at Washington, 7 p.m.

NY Rangers at Carolina, 7 p.m.

NY Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Toronto at Florida, 7:30 p.m.

Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Boston, 7:30 p.m.

Montreal at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.

Calgary at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

Columbus at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Anaheim at Vancouver, 10 p.m.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	14	7	.667	—
Baltimore	12	9	.571	2
New York	11	9	.526	2½
Tampa Bay	10	11	.476	4
Toronto	9	13	.409	5½

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	10	8	.556	—
Minnesota	9	8	.529	½
Detroit	10	9	.526	½
Cleveland	8	11	.421	2½
Chicago	8	12	.400	3

WEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	13	7	.650	—
Oakland	13	9	.591	1
Los Angeles	8	11	.421	4½
Seattle	8	15	.348	6½
Houston	7	14	.333	6½

Wednesday's results

Toronto 6 Baltimore 5 (11 inn.)

Tampa Bay 3 N.Y. Yankees 0

Chicago White Sox 3 Cleveland 2

Houston 10 Seattle 3

Boston 6 Oakland 5

Detroit 7 Kansas City 5

Texas at L.A. Angels

Tuesday's results

Baltimore 4 Toronto 3

Oakland 13 Boston 0 (7 inn.)

Minnesota 4-5 Miami 3-8

Houston 3 Seattle 2

L.A. Angels 5 Texas 4 (11 inn.)

N.Y. Yankees 4 Tampa Bay 3

Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, ppd.

Kansas City at Detroit, ppd.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's results

N.Y. Mets 7 L.A. Dodgers 3 (10 inn.)

Cincinnati 1 Chicago Cubs 0

St. Louis 4 Washington 2

Arizona 3 San Francisco 2 (10 inn.)

Colorado 6 Atlanta 5 (12 inn.)

Pittsburgh 5 Philadelphia 3

Milwaukee at San Diego

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

You won't miss a thing that goes on today and every piece of information will be filed away for future use. Knowledge is power and you can never have too much of it. You won't abuse it though, right?

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

You may not know what you have done to deserve so much good fortune but you would be a fool not to make use of it. Someone will try to make you feel guilty about it today. Don't let them.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Resist the urge to point out others' faults and failings today. Keep your opinions to yourself and keep facts and figures that could cause relationship problems to yourself as well.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

You may wish you were some place else than where you are right now but you can still have a lot of fun. Make an effort to enjoy yourself over the next 24 hours — and bring joy to other people as well.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

What you discover about a loved one today may come as a bit of a shock but the signs have been there for ages. You may not agree with what they are doing but give them your support anyway.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

There is no point clinging to an outdated way of doing things and if you think you can, the lunar eclipse will make things tough for you.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

If you want people to support what you are going to be doing then you must explain to them, in as simple language as possible, what it's all about.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Today's lunar eclipse in your sign could cause a bit of trouble, but only if you allow your emotions to carry you away. Whatever happens, be it "good" or be it "bad", treat it all as part of the game.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

It's not like you to let fear hold you back but for some reason unable to move forward or back. This troubling phase will pass. You'll soon be back to your cheerful self.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Friendships are under good stars at the moment but there is a danger today that a small misunderstanding could grow into something much bigger. Whatever you see or hear, don't take it too seriously.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Today's rather intense cosmic activity means the changes now taking place may not be entirely to your liking. That's too bad. You won't be able to change them back, so why not just go along for the ride?

Pisces

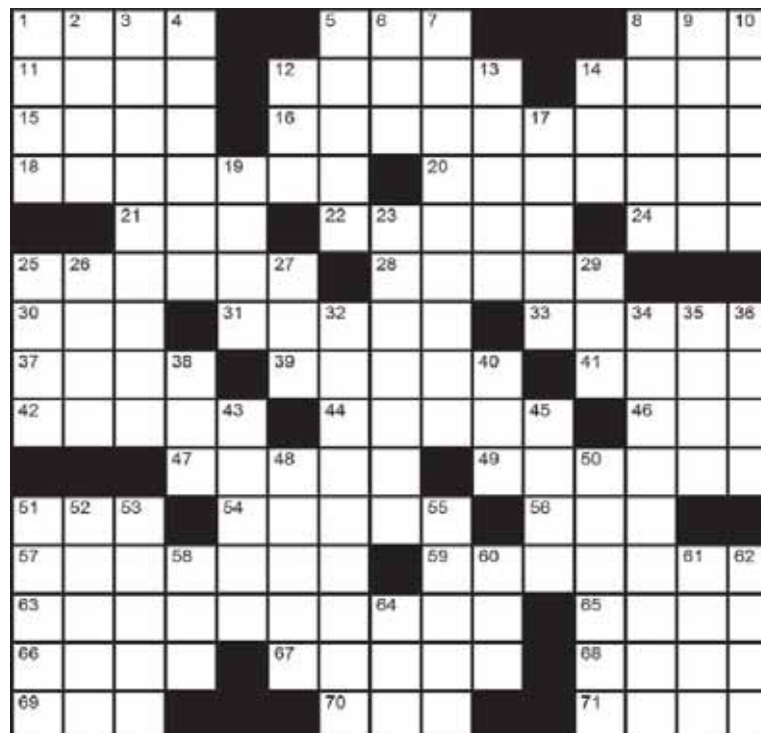
Feb. 20 - March 20

There is so much information coming your way now that it threatens to drown you in facts and figures that all point in different directions. Follow your instincts. They're seldom wrong. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

- Experiment-conducting spots
- Jam container
- ___ Jones
- Wings, to Nero
- Belonging to Italy's capital
- "...___ ring on it." - Beyonce
- Assist
- "I Will Give You Everything" band
- Say again
- Edmonton-born politician Mr. Manning
- Summer mo.
- Rent again
- "Comp" completer (Be 'green')
- Gymnastics 'Horse'
- "Quo ___?" (Latin: Where are you going?)
- Television alien
- Mr. Studdard
- Shore sights
- "___ it!" (Yay me!)
- Remedies
- Dorothy's dog
- Mr. Hough, pro dancer on "Dancing with the Stars"
- Heads: French
- "Platoon" (1986) war, for short
- "The ___ of Life"
- The Arctic ___
- "What ___ chopped liver?"
- W. ___ Wilson



(Canadian entrepreneur who is part owner of the NHL's Nashville Predators)

- ___dieu (Furniture piece for praying)
- X-Men character, ___ the Untouchable
- Butterfingers
- Earth goddess in Richard Wagner's opera Das Rheingold
- Docs
- Calendar spans

- [abbr.] Pair
- Bert of "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)
- Sailing side
- Provincial tree of New Brunswick: 2 wds.
- Deviated ___ (Nose

- problem)
- Batman foe, The ___
- Songstress Ms. Grant
- Mars, The ___: 2 wds.
- "___ unforeseen circumstances...": 2 wds.
- Others: Spanish

- "That ___ so bad afterall."
- Alphabet trio
- Begot
- Some movie ratings
- Comprehend: 2 wds.
- New-___
- Highest mount
- Taken-care-of bill
- Word with Ye
- Director, Jean-___ Godard
- Use a chair
- Monarch ___
- Canadian hockey commentator: 2 wds.
- And others, briefly: 2 wds.
- A few
- Rapper, Mos ___
- Dry, as wine
- Afghanistan capital
- Sediment
- Fish ___ Provincial Park, AB
- ___ up (Made stronger)
- Beatles' White ___
- ___ Pa (Some parents)
- Rhythmical stress
- Wrongdoings, in law
- Liq. amounts
- Woodworking tool [var. sp.]
- Egypt-themed opera
- Starring role
- Particular pronoun

Yesterday's Crossword

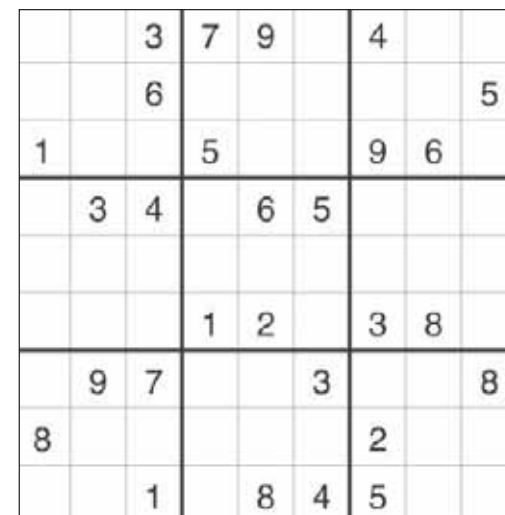


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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



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MIN: 3°

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MIN: 5°

SATURDAY



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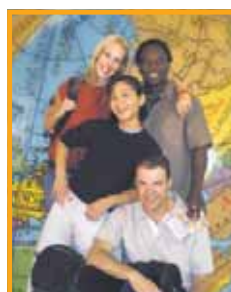
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